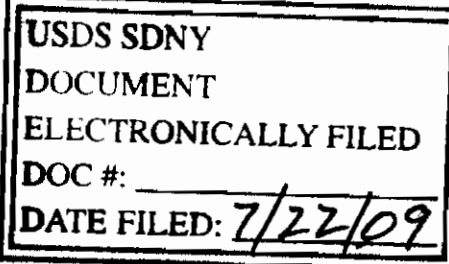


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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



The Court having reviewed the objections to designated portions of the deposition of Robert F. Staab, the objections are determined as follows:

<u>Tab</u>	<u>Pages/Lines</u>	<u>Ruling</u>
1	56:09 57:01	Overruled; defense counsel stipulated that the exhibit was a business record, <u>see</u> 55:05-55:14.
2	61:13-20 61:21-24	Overruled as to 60:23-60:24, <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 1; otherwise sustained as the witness denies personal knowledge.
3	63:09-63:17 63:18-64:01	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 1. Sustained; the witness denies personal knowledge.
4	71:21-72:10	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 1; the witness is qualified to give opinion testimony.
5	75:11-75:19	Overruled; the information is within the knowledge of this 30(b)(6) witness.
6	77:11-77:15	Overruled; in context, this inquiry is sufficiently specific.
7	78:22-79:12 79:13-79:23	Overruled; information about the defendant's retention of data about MTBE is relevant; the witness indicates sufficient personal knowledge.

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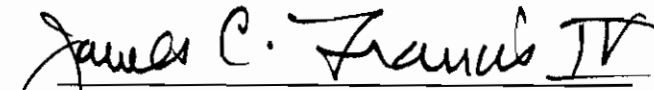
8	82:02-82:11	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 5.
9	91:19-92:07 92:08-92:18	Sustained; the witness denies personal knowledge.
10	93:08-94:01	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 5.
11	116:08-116:11	Sustained; speculation.
12	120:21-121:04	Sustained; speculation.
13	122:18-123:25	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 4.
14	124:01-124:25	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 4.
15	125:01-125:09	Overruled; authentication is not an issue because the witness is testifying concerning his own knowledge.
16	127:15-129:21	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 4; no hearsay is being offered for the truth of the matter.
17	130:25-131:19	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 4.
18	143:04-143:14	Overruled; the witness identifies the exhibit and offers a knowledgeable explanation of its context.
19	147:04-147:14	Overruled; the witness clarifies his earlier testimony.
20	165:12-165:20	Sustained; the witness denies knowledge; speculation.
21	174:13-174:20	Overruled; the witness was an author of the document referenced, <u>see</u> 175:14-175:19.
22	177:05-177:23	Overruled; <u>see</u> ruling for Tab 19.
23	178:09-178:17	Overruled; the testimony is sufficiently clear in the context of previous testimony.

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184:13-184:25

Overruled, subject to connection, i.e., if there is evidence that Mobil used MTBE as an octane enhancer in the late 1980s.

SO ORDERED.


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